

The fundamental purpose of the Federal The Communications Commission is being challenged like never before. The political motivation behind Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a blatant anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is transparent, yet the FCC's initial decision to act is not quite as clear.

Upon investigation, Sinclair's obvious political stance and barefaced abuse of the public's airwaves shall test the very existence of the FCC.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, the public gets fed the interest of a few and deprived of public service and deprived of democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to

strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you  
for your time and  
anticipated  
cooperation.